

# New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway

Project update – November 2021

The NSW Government is investing \$97 million for the upgrade to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for motorists.

Transport for NSW has engaged ACCIONA Constructions Australia to deliver the upgrade. The main construction work started in September.

## Work currently underway

Earthworks, including the delivery of fill, started in September and is progressing well. A total of 210,000m<sup>3</sup> of fill is required for the project sourced from on-site cuts and from off-site quarries.

One of the cuts near the eastern end of the project consists of very hard rock. Due to the location of existing services this rock is not able to be blasted. Instead, a fleet of excavators with hammers are removing the rock.

Work has also recently been completed on a new concrete drainage box culvert that will cross under

the new eastbound carriageway near the Golden Highway intersection. Extension of a further two culverts is also underway.

New open channel drains have been built and lined with rock.

## Upcoming work

Construction activities planned in the next two months include:

- Mobilisation for bridge piling
- Culvert works
- Cut to fill earthworks
- Continuation of rock hammering
- Asphalt repairs to the New England Highway





*New culvert being built near the Golden Highway intersection*

## Work hours

Our standard construction hours are from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

To minimise impacts to motorists, some work is being carried out at night. Our night work activities will include line marking, asphalt repair and movement of plant across the highway under traffic control.

Night work will also include a week of rock hammering in early December to safely remove a section of rock immediately adjacent to the road.

We will be carrying out night work from **Monday 6 December**. We will be working between **6pm to 7am** on weeknights for **three weeks**, weather permitting.

## Christmas Shutdown

No work will take place between Friday 24 December and Sunday 9 January.

## How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise.

We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations, completing noisier activities earlier in the night and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

## Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. Motorists should allow up to five minutes extra travel time during this work.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.



*Earthworks underway*

## Contact us

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